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USE OF SELENIUM FOR TREATING PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE SYNDROME (SIRS), AND COMPOSITION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TREATMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of December 18, 2001 for

one month to April 18, 2002.

Please charge the extension fee of \$55 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A responsive paper is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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